

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* Harvesting Sorghum, Cotton, Rice & Soybeans/Planting Wheat

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RELEASED: November 4, 2002 3:00 p.m.-Temperatures were much cooler than normal across the state with most of the state receiving above normal rainfall. According to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service there were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 7 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus.

CROPS: Sorghum harvest is virtually complete with rice harvest not far behind. Soybean and cotton harvests continue to be hampered by excessive rainfall and cool, wet conditions. Many counties are reporting that cotton quality is deteriorating since producers are unable to harvest. Winter wheat and other cool season forages such as oats, ryegrass, and clover are being planted when possible. More counties are reporting that there will be less wheat planted this year than originally planned because of producers' inability to get into the fields.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle continue to be in good condition. Cattle are still being worked and vaccinated. Older cows are being culled and sold. Calves, also, are being weaned and sold. Some pastures are being re-seeded after the rainfall. Hay harvest is virtually complete.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM									
Harvested	100	99	100	100					
COTTON									
Harvested	65	57	87	89					
RICE									
Harvested	98	96	100	100					
SOYBEANS									
Yellowing	100	96	100	97					
Shedding	98	91	99	97					
Mature ¹	95	85	--	69					
Harvested	59	50	81	78					
WHEAT					0	4	35	54	7
Planted	43	33	62	65					
Emerged	32	19	39	40					
OTHER HAY					4	10	37	44	5
PASTURE					4	16	44	32	4

¹ Previous year was not requested. The 5-year average is from 1996-2000.

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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

November3,2002. Temperatures were below normal. Rainfall was above normal over most of the state, except for the south and parts of the northeast. Eudora recorded the high temperature of 76⁰ with several reporting stations recording the low temperature of 34⁰. Precipitation ranged from a high of 2.09 inches at Hot Springs to .52 inches at El Dorado.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: November 3, 2002

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING NOV 3	CURRENT OCT ACCUM.	OCT NORMAL	JANUARY-SEP	
							2002	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	57	40	-6	2.04	3.29	3.74	34.79	34.34
Harrison	59	36	-7	1.55	3.13	3.50	38.10	33.11
2 Calico Rock	59	34	-5	1.65	3.67	3.61	37.13	33.45
Greers Ferry	59	36	-8	1.71	3.33	4.21	37.13	36.25
Mountain Home	56	34	-6	1.51	2.84	3.14	40.08	32.84
3 Batesville	60	34	-7	0.93	2.96	4.00	30.66	34.03
Jonesboro	61	37	-6	0.77	2.03	3.89	28.50	33.02
Keiser	65	37	-5	0.92	5.33	3.38	33.97	36.75
Newport	62	36	-8	1.26	4.83	3.67	35.45	34.86
4 Booneville	61	40	-8	1.84	4.38	3.90	40.79	34.54
Clarksville	64	39	-4	1.72	2.81	4.13	42.26	33.41
Dardanelle	63	39	-6	1.55	3.53	4.19	33.60	34.74
Ft. Smith	62	42	-5	1.41	2.74	3.94	39.50	31.74
Mena	62	40	-7	1.50	8.01	5.68	36.61	41.81
Ozark	62	39	-6	1.43	2.76	3.91	45.84	32.33
5 Conway	62	38	-7	1.50	4.21	4.03	32.49	34.61
Hot Springs	65	35	-9	2.09	6.72	5.21	34.50	40.99
Little Rock	65	38	-6	1.60	4.97	4.25	31.31	36.24
N Little Rock	63	40	-8	1.65	5.90	3.81	28.18	35.11
6 Brinkley	62	37	-6	0.80	3.65	3.58	30.33	36.10
Marianna	65	36	-5	1.31	5.00	3.79	33.45	38.37
Stuttgart	66	36	-7	1.08	6.71	3.83	38.66	38.66
7 Hope	66	41	-5	1.11	10.42	4.54	36.24	39.00
Texarkana	68	45	-5	0.61	5.02	3.87	27.52	33.34
8 Camden	69	41	-4	1.28	4.69	4.42	35.56	38.32
El Dorado	71	43	-3	0.52	3.97	4.33	34.73	40.18
Warren	67	40	-4	0.74	4.44	4.53	34.01	40.39
9 Eudora	76	43	-4	0.78	4.91	3.93	36.26	41.56
Pine Bluff	64	40	-6	1.31	4.53	4.49	34.67	37.71
Rohwer	71	38	-5	1.46	5.36	3.38	35.59	37.61